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1. The following persons were present at a meeting of the Transport Planning Committee held on 16 November 1950: 25X1

- Rothaupt (SED) - Head of the Planning Department of the Ministry of Transport.
- Weber (SED) - Planning Department of the Ministry of Transport.
- Weider (SED) - Assistant to Weber.
- Dr. Hoffmann (SED) - Head of a Department (unnamed) of the Ministry of Transport.
- Boehme - Head of Operating Section of the Tank Car Control Point.
- Zillner - Oberreferent, Freight Control Office of the Reichsbahn-Generaldirektion
- Borsi - Planning Department for the Reichsbahn-Generaldirektion
- Napira - Traffic Control
- Wondra - Deputy Chief of Coal Division of Ministry of Heavy Industry
- Brenning - Chief of Transport Division of the MIAM

In addition, representatives of other ministries and of Land Government were present.

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2. It was agreed that a total of 20,850 freight cars of all types could be made available for December 1950. This number would not include an additional 350 freight cars of various sorts which were to be kept in reserve for unexpected imports.*
3. The representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Trade (MIAM) and of the Ministry of Industry asserted that the movement of goods of certain essential industries, as well as of food stuffs, and the output of various large coal mines, would come to a complete standstill if the number of freight cars available per month were not rapidly increased by a freight-car-building program.
5. They demanded that every user of freight cars be compelled to reduce his demands by five percent in order to achieve the best possible use of the 21,200 freight cars which the DDR railroads were able to make available monthly for the DDR economy.
6. By way of enforcing their argument, they asserted that unless the number of cars available for the coal industry was rapidly and substantially increased, the production of coal from the East German coal mining area would have to stop. Briquettes lying in dumps were in danger of being spoilt because of lack of transportation. Some of these briquettes were scheduled for distribution to industry, some to private households, and 620,000 tons for the DDR railroads.

* Comment: The total of 21,200 freight cars quoted here must apply to a certain type only. A previous report gave a total of 36,396 freight cars in operation on 29 October.

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